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Complaints against Functioning of Nationalised Banks

6067. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in complaints about the functioning of the nationalised banks; and

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during 1991 so far and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts of Judges in Supreme Court/High Courts

6068. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates since when there are vacant posts of judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts, court-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGRAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). As on 3.9.91, there were 3 vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and 40 vacancies of permanent Judges and 17 vacancies of Additional Judges in various High Courts of the country. The dates from which these posts are lying vacant are given in the enclosed statement. Recommendations from the Chief Justice of India for filling up the vaccines of Judges in the Supreme Court are awaited. As regards filling up of vacancies of Judges in some High Courts, the process of consultation is on. In respect of the remaining High Courts, the State authorities have been reminded to send their recommendations.